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CLERK: I have nothing further pending to the motion to adopt permanent rules, Mr. President.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Senator Will, you are recognized. This is, by the way, excuse me, we've had opening on this. This is a debatable motion. Is there anybody wishing to address the issue of the adoption of the permanent rules? Senator Chambers' light is on.

SENATOR CHAMBERS: Mr. Speaker, members of the Legislature, because of the presence in our rules of the cloture rule, I'm never able to vote in favor of their adoption, so I'm not going to speak and try to persuade you to strike that from the rules but I will ask for a record vote when we finally vote on whether to adopt the permanent rules or not.

SPEAKER WITHEM: Thank you, Senator Chambers. There are no other lights on. Senator Will, you are recognized to close.

SENATOR WILL: Thank you, Mr. Speaker, members of the body. Just briefly I, again, would like to thank the body for the process that we've gone through. We had a very ambitious rules change package, a number of which were adopted. I think the discussion we had today with respect to limiting debate was a very necessary one. I think it is a concern a lot of people have had and one method of doing that was obviously discussed today and rejected fairly emphatically by the body. I appreciate the time that was spent and the opinions that were shared. I think we're better off as a Legislature for examining this issue and thinking ourselves about whether it was something that we wanted to do. With that, I would...again, I appreciate the time we've spent, the changes that have been made. I think our rules are better for it. At this point, I would move the adoption of the permanent rules.

SPEAKER WITHEM: The question is the adoption of the permanent rules and remind the members that a record vote has been requested, but as I understand it it's a machine vote at this time. Have you all voted? Record, Mr. Clerk.

CLERK: (Read record vote. See page 265 of the Legislative Journal.) 36 ayes, 1 nay on adoption of permanent rules, Mr. President.